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Today's Topics:

 Anti-ham legislation in Minnesota
 You could hear a pin drop in this group lately

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Does anyone know the latest status of the law being proposed in Minnesota
which would ammend their anti-scanner law to remove the clause allowing
amateur operators to have public service receivers in vehicles? Last I
heard, the author gave up on passing it seperately and was trying to
attach it to some popular spending bill.

This law really worries me since I drive through Minnesota several times
each year. This legislation basically discounts the public service aspect
of amateur operators and treats them like criminals who might use scanners
to avoid arrest.

Anti-scanner legislation really torques me off anyway, but to expect that
amateur operators will leave their equipment at home when travelling in
Minnesota is ridiculous. It seems that most HT's and mobile rigs have

public service coverage - and most see that as a big plus. I am more likely to bypass Minnesota than to comply with their proposed law. I believe that tourism is one of the top (if not THE top) industries in the state. I wonder if their tourism board realizes the ramifications?

If this law passes, can we expect any help from ARRL, FCC or ACLU if an amateur is arrested for this? What is likely to happen is that police will start confiscating any radios - how do they know the difference between a 2 M rig and a GMRS transceiver - and how will they know if it's capable of receiving public service? How can they tell whether a public service mod has been done?

I'm hoping that the legislature of Minnesota keeps the sponsor from attaching his bill to another. Obviously he couldn't get support for it as it was. Do any FCC regulations override state laws regarding the rights of amateurs?

Minnesota: Land of 10,000 laws

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In article <1993May27.183808.29398@rsg1.er.usgs.gov> tbodoh@resdgs1.er.usgs.gov
(Tom Bodoh) writes:

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>code sucks
>no-code sucks
>programmers should learn how to shoe horses
>the new scanner law sucks
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>Jeez - let's get this group going - the discussions died so suddenly that I
>thought I had gotten unsubscribed!
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Yeah, I know. I stopped trying to discuss the code reform issue sensibly after the zealots got going. Maybe the network connection to SBS is broken :-).

In any case, if anyone wants to engage in a useful, objective public discussion regarding evolutionary enhancement to the amateur licensing process, I'm ready. I'm not anxious to see more of the ranting that started. In fact, maybe I'll newgroup "alt.radio.amateur.flame", where we all can vent our spleens.... that would be glorious!

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